

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO.
S.1 As Amended by House Education & Public Works Committee

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TO:	The Honorable Ronald P. Townsend, Chairperson, House Education and Public Works Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Seat Belt and Child Restraint Systems - Fines		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

The Bill, as amended, specifies that a fine for violation of the seat belt could not be waived and that back seat occupants of a motor vehicle are not exempt from the seat belt requirements. The Bill also requires that fines shall be remitted go to the General Fund of the State and prohibits the search of a vehicle stopped for primary seat belt violations. The Bill specifies data collection information for law enforcement officer initiating a stop and requires the reporting of that data by Department of Public Safety.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Public Safety

The Department indicates that this Bill would require additional recurring State General Funds estimated at \$177,700. DPS indicates that, at a minimum, it would need recurring funds of \$167,700 in salary and fringe benefits for four (4.00) positions and \$10,000 for operating expenses. No additional funds would be needed for development of the information system to capture the data required by the Bill if existing software can be adapted for that purpose. However, if this option is not available then non-recurring costs of developing and implementing a WEB based application system are estimated at between \$100,000 and \$250,000.

Department of Motor Vehicles and the Judicial Department

Both Departments indicate that this Bill will have no impact, or a minimal impact, on the General Fund of the State or Federal and/or Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

Responses from local governments indicate enactment would have no impact or minimal impact on expenditures. One locality indicated enactment could have a minimal impact on local revenue.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this Bill.

Approved by:



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